

3-day weekends or an excuse for stores to have special sales.

#### RAIL VOLUTION

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, last week Washington, DC, was host to an annual conference, Rail Volution, where over 700 people from 8 countries, 41 States, and 118 cities gathered. As impressive as those numbers were, what was more impressive was the purpose of that gathering, working together, learning how to build livable communities using principles of sustainable development.

We are talking about light rail, intercity rail, managing the auto and transportation infrastructure, mixed use development. At a time when we are concerned about making our communities livable while dealing with the deficit, the Rail Volution message was a breath of fresh air: spending wiser, not raising taxes, making change, solving problems rather than creating them, and viewing citizen input as a valuable tool not citizens as an enemy.

This is an important message for us in Congress to hear and to act upon.

#### INCREASED DRUG USE IS INTOLERABLE

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, Bill Clinton said on June 16, 1992, when asked about inhaling marijuana: Sure, I would inhale marijuana if I could, I tried before.

After he took office, Bill Clinton effectively abandoned the war on drugs. He slashed the White House Office of Drug Control Policy by 80 percent. He cut the number of drug enforcement agents and cut training for them. His National Security Council dropped the war on drugs from third to dead last among their priorities. His Surgeon General even suggested legalizing drugs.

What has been the result of all this? Overall drug use among kids 12 to 17 years old has gone up 78 percent. Marijuana use among the same group has gone up 105 percent, and LSD use has gone up 183 percent.

Mr. Speaker, this is intolerable. The American people need to know these facts. I hope they remember them in November.

#### LUXURY SUITES IN HOSPITALS FOR THE RICH

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, while hospitals across America are cutting

services for mom and dad, the same hospitals are building luxury suites for the fat cats that make the Ritz Carlton look like Motel 6. A VIP can now get monogrammed bathrobes, satin sheets, antique furniture, a wet bar. And if that is not enough to inflame our hemorrhoids, VIP's can enjoy a spot of tea served by a waiter in a tuxedo carrying around silver trays of strawberries and truffles. Unbelievable.

While VIP's get gourmet food, mom and dad get line itemed, line itemed for toilet paper and aspirin. Beam me up.

Mr. Speaker, the truth is the CEO's of these HMO's keep lining their pockets with cash. I say they should be handcuffed to a chain link fence and flogged. Then sent to jail. Think about it. I yield back the balance of those line itemed toilet paper bills.

#### DRUG USE AND LOST OPPORTUNITY

(Mr. DOOLITTLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, marijuana use for teenagers is up, but interdiction is down. Teenage cocaine use is up, but enforcement is down. LSD and heroin use for teenagers are way up, but prison time for drug dealers is down.

Mr. Speaker, obviously what should be down is up, and what should be up is down. The Clinton administration has its priorities backward. Instead of cutting back on interdiction efforts, we should be stopping the flow of drugs at our borders. Instead of slapping the hands of drug dealers, we should be putting them in prison.

The Clinton administration's cuts in America's antidrug efforts have had their effect: Teenage drug use has exploded, and most schools unfortunately are not drug-free.

Mr. Speaker, we are losing the war on drugs because we have an administration unwilling to provide the leadership needed to stop our children from turning to a life of drugs and lost opportunity.

#### THE NATION'S POLICE ARE FIRMLY IN THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

(Mr. RICHARDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday President Clinton received the endorsement of the Fraternal Order of Police, an organization that represents the sizable majority of our country's policy officers.

President Clinton is the first Democrat running for President or being President endorsed by this organization. The endorsement came because of the President's strong anticrime, antidrug policies and initiatives for his tough sentencing policies, for community policing, 100,000 cops on the street.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that the president of the FOP is Gil Gallegos of Albuquerque, NM. So, Mr. Speaker, despite all this lofty rhetoric that the President is soft on crime, I am proud to say that the Nation's police officers are firmly in the President's corner.

#### SALUTE TO MISS AMERICA

(Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday evening in Atlantic City a constituent of mine, Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, was crowned Miss America 1996. Miss America lives in Overland Park, KA.

While I realize we must share Tara Dawn Holland's triumph with the State of Florida where she received her bachelors degree, and with the State of Missouri where she is working toward a masters degree at the University of Missouri at Kansas City, Kansans are proud of her achievement just the same.

Tara Dawn hopes to teach music in a middle school, and as Miss America wants to lead a national campaign against illiteracy.

Because Miss America is such a positive role model for many young Americans, Tara Dawn's willingness to be involved in the fight against illiteracy represents an opportunity to take another step forward in educating children to read.

Congratulations to Tara Dawn Holland.

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#### RELEASE THE GINGRICH ETHICS REPORT

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to once again add my voice to the growing chorus of Members of this House, editorial board writers, public interest groups, and American citizens calling for the release of the ethics report on Speaker GINGRICH.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I have a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). The gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Lewis] will suspend.

The gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LINDER] will state his point of order.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, is it within the rules of the House to refer to matters before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on the floor of the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is not in order and the gentleman must proceed in order.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, further point of order. Is the gentleman in the well speaking out of order?